heme has brought 677.40 hectares under coconut cultivation in Orissa besides planting of three lakh seedlings along canal embankments. In Gujarat a pilot project has been sanctioned for coconut plantation in the coastal saline area around Gulf of Khambat.

Prown cultivation in Orissa

395. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to establish a prawn hatchery at Paradip in Orissa with Japanese assistance;

(b) whether Government also propose to set up a prawn farm at Kentakudi in Brahmagiri Block of Puri District of Orissa;

(c) if so, the estimated cost of these projects;

(d) the extent of Japanese assistance expected to be made available for those projects; and

(e) by when Government are likely to clear these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (e) At the instance of Government of India, Governments of West Bengal, Orissa and Kerala have submitted a proposal each for establishment of brackish water aquaculture Projects with assistance from Japan.

The Government of India approved these projects in December, 1988 for seeking loan assistance from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Government of Japan during 1989-90.

The proposal submitted by Government of Orissa is for setting up of a Prawn Hatchery at Paradip at an estimated cost of Rs. 98.224 lakhs and a Prawn Farm at Keutakudi at an estimated cost of Rs. 172.82 lakhs.

The proposals are receiving the attention of Government of Japan.

Imparting of Nutrition Education

396. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether nutrition education is being imparted through Mobile Food and Nutrition Extension Units in the rural, urban and tribal areas;

(b) if so, how many Mobile Food and Nutrition Extension Units have been set up for imparting nutrition education in Orissa; and

(c) the details of different areas of the State covered by these units during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) One Moblie Food and Nutrition Extension Unit (MEU) has been set up at Bhubaneshwar for imparting Nutrition Education in Orissa.

(c) The details of different areas of the State toured by this unit during the last three years are given in the Statement.